

BETHEL PARK MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
3100 Piney Fork Road
South Park, PA 15129-9001
Regular Meeting Minutes September 12, 2024
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1. Regular Meeting

a.) Chairman Hannan called the BPMA Regular Meeting for September 12, 2024 to order at 7:04 PM at 3100 Piney Fork Road, South Park Township, PA. 15129.

2. Roll Call

a.) Secretary Beaver called the roll. Present for roll call: Messrs.: James Hannan, William Ruhl, Dave Brodnos, Daniel Cheberenchick, Bruce Beaver, Alan Stone and Tim Moury.
Also present: Mr. Joseph Gaydos, Gaydos Law PC; Mr. Dan Goodwin of Wade Trim; Mr. Jake Miller, Assistant Plant Supervisor; Ms. Abigail Corrigan, Bethel Park Sanitary Sewer Engineer; Ms. Kristen Denne, Bethel Park Municipal Manager; Ms. Karen Fosbaugh, South Park Township Manager and Mr. John Oakes, Bethel Park Council President.

3. Approval of Minutes

a.) Approval of the Minutes

i. Mr. Hannan called for a motion to approve the BPMA Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2024.

ii. Mr. Ruhl motioned to approve

Mr. Moury seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Correspondence

a.) Mr. Beaver presented the following correspondence to the Board:

i. A letter, dated August 7, 2024 from Mr. Douglas Bliheimer, Executive Director, PMAA, to Mr. Scott Dunn.
RE: Service Award for William W. Ruhl.

The letter States that Mr. Ruhl will be presented the Award at the PMAA Awards Banquet September 16, 2024.

b.) A report, dated August 23, 2024, from Mr. Michael Moskorisin, Project Manager, Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) Water Pollution and Solid Waste Management.

RE: Sewerage Compliance Evaluation Piney Fork Wastewater Treatment Plant, NPDES Permit PA0027618.

The report states that on July 29, 2024, Peter Todaro, EH Specialist II, of the ACHD, performed an inspection of the Piney Fork WWTP facility. The report includes the results of the inspection.

The Board discussed the results of the inspection.

A copy of the report will be emailed to Board members who request it.

c.) A letter, dated August 26, 2024, from The Allegheny County Conservation District (ACCD), to the BPMA.
RE: Reissuance of PAG-02 General Permit, Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Construction Services.

Mr. Goodwin summarized the letter by stating that it is in association with the Headworks Project (HWP) Stormwater Permit. The Permit will expire on December 7, 2024 if not renewed. Mr. Goodwin explained the advantages of renewing the permit, despite the uncertainty of the HWP scope. Mr. Goodwin will discuss the possibility of changes to the HWP with the ACCD for their recommendations. There is a \$500 fee for the renewal which is usually \$1, 500 but \$1,000 is waived since construction has not started. The Board has until December 7, 2024 to decide to renew.

ii. Mr. Hannan stated that his preference is to renew the Permit for \$500 and amend it as needed depending

on the HWP changes.

iii.

There is a motion to vote on the Storm Water Permit later on the agenda.

5. Facility Discussion and Superintendent Report

a.) Mr. Miller reported on the WWTP.

- i. The staff started major service on the pumps this week.
- ii. The staff cleaned the primary tanks and removed 20.5 tons of grit which is normal for the last few years.
- iii. Today they replaced a broken valve in the EQ Tank.
- iv. They serviced roof vans and digester relief valves.
- v. They are waiting on parts for the repacked pumps.
- vi. They will schedule a temporary shutdown of the Plant to install the brackets for the trickling filters.
- vii. The installation for the check valve was cancelled. It will be installed next Monday or Tuesday.
- viii. The Emergency Response Plan (ERP) has been revised. There will be a meeting on October 2, 2024 at 10:00 AM to finalize ERP meetings.
- ix. The Risk Control Plan with the ISC Safety Consultants and Training should be updated by the October 2, 2024 ERP meeting.
- x. The Plant sampling tests were fully compliant for August 2024.
- xi. There were high flow events on August 30, 2024 and August 31, 2024.

6. Municipal Engineering Reports- Bethel Park/ South Park

a.) Ms. Corrigan reported on Bethel Park's projects:

- i. Ms. Corrigan has finished reviewing the CCTV data for August 2024.
- ii. Rotor Rooter has completed all their contract obligations for digs. The final cost on the contract was \$259,949 which was very close to the bid price even with the additional work done. One goal this year was to keep the price close to the contract amount. If there is additional work done they will need to get quotes.
- iii. Since Rotor Rooter is complete, Jet Jack is finishing their lining work.
- iv. Ms. Corrigan continues to work with Code Enforcement to mitigate violations found from smoke testing.
- v. Ms. Corrigan and Mr. Harbison, Bethel Park Municipal Planner, are working on the details, language and implementation for the lateral inspection ordinance Bethel Park may adopt. The Lateral Ordinance Committee will meet at the end of September 2024.
- vi. Bethel Park Council approved at their Committee Meeting Ms. Corrigan's Design for Facilities Report for the Consent Order.
- vii. She explained that the Consent Order spells out the steps to take to design a project using viable, cost effective methods for identifying excess flows and removing them.

b.) Bethel Park Consent Order Flow Reduction Projects for 2025

- i. McLaughlin Run Source Flow Reduction System Optimization Project- This project in Bridgeville will meet compliance for the downstream overflows in McLaughlin Run. There are 2 cross connected storm sewers in McLaughlin Run which will be cost effective upstream source flow reduction. Money is budgeted for this work in 2025.
- ii. Brush Run North- This project is approximately 1,800 linear feet of lining and 12 manhole rehabilitations. Based on the design calculations in the Consent Order there is money budgeted in 2025 for this work.
- iii. Saw Mill Run- They are following up on violations found during smoke testing, lining, storm sewer work, dig repairs and manhole rehab.
- iv. Bethel Park Council committed financially to the Consent Order projects by signing the report.
- v. The Consent Order Projects for 2025 total is approximately \$600,000 for the capital projects.

- vi. The Painter's Run Project was in the 2024 budget and is almost complete.
- vii. Ms. Corrigan stated that the 2025 Budget is the first year she is included in determining what work needs to be done.

c.) Operations and Maintenance Plan (O&M)

- i. Ms. Corrigan stated that the BPMA has an obligation in the Consent Order to follow the O&M Plan the BPMA has on file with the Health Department.
- ii. The 2025 the budget separates Capital Projects (Consent Order work and other capital work) budgeting and O&M budgeting costs. The money for capital projects and O&M expenses will be tracked separately.
- iii. Ms. Corrigan estimates the O&M costs will be approximately \$1 million.
- iv. Ms. Corrigan stated that the O&M Plan is due to be audited.
- v. The Board discussed the audit.
- vi. Mr. Moury asked what the documentation process is for CCTV results and other information collected.
- vii. Ms. Corrigan explained the procedures she uses to document and track results, note her observations, record areas which will need further investigation and prioritize work. The information is recorded in an excel spreadsheet.
- viii. Mr. Moury stated that the Design and Facilities Report focuses on Consent Order work for ALCOSAN. He asked if there is a similar list of projects for the rest of the system where there are issues. He further asked where the BPMA stands on resolving issues previously discovered. Ms. Corrigan explained how she uses her list of areas that have issues to be fixed. Mr. Moury added that previously identified problems should be fixed before spending money to find more projects (realizing that some CCTVing is required because of obligations).
- ix. Ms. Corrigan will send copies of the Design and Facilities Report to the Board.
- x. Mr. Moury informed the Board that he spoke with Representative Summer Lee's office about the status of the BPMA's federal grant application. He was advised that the application is on track depending on PA. budget approval.

d.) Mr. Beaver reported on South Park's projects:

- i. South Park has SHACOG cleaning and cctv'ing to look for projects for next year, primarily in areas that were identified as problems on the flow monitoring study. Mr. Beaver feels confident that SHACOG has identified enough areas for a project in 2025.
- ii. They continue to work on dye tests.
- iii. The 2024 South Park project is complete.
- iv. South Park is in the process of identifying a project for a 2025 CDBG.

7. Wade Trim Professional Engineering Services Report

Mr. Goodwin reported on the following:

a.) South Park Clubhouse

- i. Mr. Goodwin showed photos on the screen he took of the work being done at the South Park Clubhouse. He stated that they have made significant progress. Mr. Goodwin added that they will continue to monitor the work because of the proximity of the interceptor and potential for damage to it during the work.
- ii. The Board discussed the work. Mr. Gaydos asked who was paying for the work. Ms. Fosbaugh replied that the property owner is paying for the sewer work and the bank is paying for the wall behind the Clubhouse.

b.) Consent Order

- i. Mr. Goodwin had no additional comments to Ms. Corrigan's report.

c. WWTP

- i. Mr. Goodwin summarized the status of the HWP. The bid results were distributed and the decision was made at the previous Board meeting to reject those bids. The contractors were notified and their 10% bid bonds were returned. The BPMA decided against using the PennVest funds that were secured for the project and PennVest was notified of the decision. The meetings and correspondence associated with the PennVest loan are complete.
- ii. Wade Trim is coordinating with the pre-purchase manufacturers and reps to limit the BPMA's financial liability for the equipment. Depending on the scope of the revised HWP some of the equipment may be used and some may not be used.
- iii. Regulatory – The new permit has been in effect. There is a meeting scheduled with the DEP on September 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM at their offices. The Board is invited. Space may be limited and Mr. Goodwin asked the Board to RSVP. Mr. Jim Vanek and additional DEP officials will attend the meeting.
- iv. Mr. Moury prepared a tentative agenda for the DEP meeting which he will send to all Board members. He explained what he included on the agenda and why. Mr. Hannan stated that since the BPMA requested the meeting, the BPMA would be responsible for the agenda.
- v. Mr. Goodwin stated that one subject he expects to be discussed is the permitting process. There are 3 major permits. The permitting process will depend on the HWP scope. Mr. Goodwin stated that the permit and review process and timeline will need to be determined with the DEP. Mr. Moury stated that the substance of the meeting should be transparency about what the BPMA has done, what it is doing and where the BPMA is going with the Plant and the entire system. Mr. Moury prepared a summary of where the BPMA is to date of the components the Plant will be measuring with the new NPDES Permit. The Board discussed the summary.
- iv. Since the next meeting is after the September 25, 2024 DEP meeting Mr. Beaver suggested that the Board agree on the agenda and the BPMA plan going forward.
- vi. Mr. Moury stated that the decision about hiring another engineering firm to review the HWP (peer review) and provide recommendations for going forward within then finances available needs to be made. The Board discussed deciding on the engineering firm peer review after the meeting with the DEP.
- vii. There is a motion on hiring an independent consultant to provide a peer review which will be voted on later in tonight's agenda.

b.) Miscellaneous

- i. Majestic Woods Planning Module- Mr. Goodwin reported the module is available. The module calls for 180 EDUs. Mr. Goodwin explained that South Park Township has approved 20 EDUs for Majestic Woods for 2024. The remainder would be in 2025 if approved. Mr. Goodwin said that he does not feel that the Board has received all the documentation required to approve the module. The documentation may be ready by the next Board meeting which will allow the Board to consider and vote on the Majestic Woods Planning Module. the Board discussed the module.

c. Motions to Consider

Mr. Hannan stated that there are 3 motions to consider.

i. Motion: I move we retain the services of an independent consulting engineer to provide a peer review to evaluate the treatment plant and the NPDES Permit and provide a recommendation on how we can proceed with the capital project within the funds available.

Mr. Moury motioned to approve. Mr. Stone seconded.

Mr. Brodnos asked the timeframe and how many firms would be interviewed. The Board discussed the tie frame and firms. The Board decided to vote on the independent consulting firm tonight and if it passes to consider candidates at the next meeting.

**Roll call was as follows: Mr. Brodnos- NO, Mr. Ruhl- NO, Mr. Moury- YES, Mr. Stone- YES, Mr. Hannan- YES
Mr. Beaver- YES, Mr. Cheberenchick- YES**

Motion passed 5-2.

ii. Motion: I move we remove from the table our application for PennVest funding for the Headworks Project. Mr. Beaver motioned to bring the motion back from the table. Mr. Brodnos seconded. Roll call was unanimous of the members that voted. Mr. Moury abstained since he is on the PennVest Board of Directors.

Mr. Beaver motioned to withdraw our application for PennVest funding for the Headworks Project. Mr. Beaver seconded. Roll call was unanimous of the members that voted. Mr. Moury abstained since he is on the PennVest Board of Directors. Motion passed 6-0.

iii. I move we renew the Storm Water Permit for the Headworks Project as provided by the Allegheny County Conservation District. Mr. Moury motioned to approve. Mr. Stone seconded. Roll call was unanimous motioned passed 7-0.

8. Finance Report

a.) Mr. Cheberenchick reported on the accounts held at the Bank of New York Mellon as of 08-30-2024.

9. New Business

a. There was no new business.

10. Old Business

i. There is no old business.

11. Solicitor's Report

Mr. Gaydos had nothing additional to report.

12. Adjournment

i. With no further business to conduct, Mr. Ruhl motioned to adjourn. Voice vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Date

9.12.24



Bruce Beaver, Secretary